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Dear Hal=

I had intended to write you sooner than this but I had so many things to do before taking my trip to Washington, D.C. If you'll recall, I had previously written that I will be leaving San Francisco on Tuesday, Oct. 17th & arriving in Washington late in the afternoon. I'll be staying in that city until Monday, October 23rd & my flight out of Washington, D.C. will be early in that evening.

For Tuesday, Oct. 17th & Wednesday, Oct. 18th I will be staying at the Master Host Inn, 1917 Bladenburg Road, N.E. (phone # 202-832-8600). On ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday morning (early), I'll leave that place & then relocate to the Omni-Sheraton Hotel which is at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue & Calvert Avenue. Of course, the Omni-Sheraton Hotel is where the COPA conference will be from Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 22. Thus, I'll be at the Omni from Thursday, October 19 through Monday, Oct. 23rd.

If you'll also recall, I intend to rent a car for the days of Wed. Oct. 18 & Thurs. Oct. 19th. I am hoping that

You will be free one of those two days so that I can visit you since I'll have a car to get to your place.

I realize that by the time you receive this you may not have a chance to write me in time before I leave on my trip. What I'll need to know is directions as to how to get to your place. Of course, I can call you when I get to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, Oct. 17th & then get directions from you. But keep all the dates in mind & if you need to call me when I'm in Washington you have the phone numbers (the Omni phone # is: 202-234-0700).

I put together a small package of items which I'm enclosing with this letter and I'll just add a few comments on some of them.

On my articles (the "Fourth Decade" & the "Investigator"): the "Fourth Decade" is, as you can see, on Cockburn and I got a call all the way from Florida from a researcher who was really excited over it. He said he teaches a course on the JFK case & wanted to know more about the 1963 CIA listing of FPCC members which didn't show Oswald. This I learned of from Anthony Summers who most likely got it from Peter Dale Scott.

On the "Investigator": the editor printed my review of your book, "Never Again" & sent me the advance proof of my review. He has not yet put out the magazine so the review is one so far only you, he & I know about.

I still haven't received my copy of Crouch's

"Assassination Chronicles" which contains my article on the January 1964 transcript discussing Oswald's alleged intelligence ties. I know Crouch must've sent you an advanced copy since you sent me a copy of the letter you sent her regarding the article.

I do have two other articles none of which I've yet received but when I do I'll forward them to you. One will appear in "Dallas '63" regarding a new look at eye-witness testimony about witnesses who either "saw" or "heard" the assassination & the other is the talk I'm giving at COPA titled "Oswald—a U.S. Intelligence Agent = The Evidence". (COPA will publish it along with the other papers being delivered). I'm going to state that the "compelling" evidence is that Oswald was an agent & "most probably" under the O.N.I. I will not state it as fact however for certainly I can't do so as you well know. I do note, however, that Walt Brown in his latest book "Tracking in Dallas" has come out & stated Oswald was "sponsored" by the O.N.I.. I believe that if he did come up with this he most likely picked up the idea from the COPA paper I'll be delivering where I provide for the "compelling" evidence that Oswald was with the O.N.I. He may, of course, had this belief prior to seeing my COPA paper but it probably reinforced his thinking on it.

There are a few other items you'll undoubtedly take note of in the enclosures. The first is that of the Livingstone diatribe appearing in "The Fourth Decade" which ran for nine pages. You'll not be surprised at how many people have asked me why Jerry Rose is allowing such space for Livingstone to use as a forum.

You probably wouldn't also be surprised that both David Livingstone & Livingstone called me recently. Dave was upset that since he can't appear at COPA (he says he has no money) his primary focus on "body alteration" won't be discussed. (He's right — it won't be & not simply because Dave isn't showing up). Livingstone was concerned that a tape of his which he made of nurse Bowron is now being "faked" using another woman's voice & he wanted to know if I knew who could be doing this. Of course, I knew nothing.

Harrison also told me his book ("Killing Kennedy = The Hoax of the Century") was coming off the press on October 4th. I checked a few book stores since then & none of them have it. Walt Brown told me he had been reading it (prior to Oct. 4th) & said it was "awful". Just reading what Livingstone states in the "Fourth Decade" article, I've enclosed is a pretty good clue as to what he'll

be saying in his book.

The other things I'll briefly comment on are= The Mailer book review by Max Holland speaks for itself. Holland, I understand, is doing a book on the Warren Commission which most likely will be apologetic in tone, I'd guess. I still haven't figured him out although I've only seen him once.

That about all I can think of for now. I guess you won't have time to write me back before I leave (on Oct. 17th) so I'll be calling you from Washington when I get there.

I do hope everything is OK with you & I'm looking forward to seeing you again.

Best,
Hal